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SUBJECT: CCD: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:
ADVANCE TRANSMISSION OF SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSALS

1. SUMMARY. UN SECRETARIAT HAS RAISED QUESTION OF HOW TO COMMUNICATE SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSALS WHICH TREATY PARTIES MIGHT WISH TO PRESENT, ONE MONTH OR MORE PRIOR TO REVCON, IN LIGHT FACT ONLY ONE MONTH REMAINS BEFORE START OF THIS PERIOD. SOVIET DEL DEPUTY REP ALSO BROUGHT UP THIS QUESTION WITH USREP, SUGGESTING THAT ONE POSSIBILITY, RATHER THAN PROCEEDING THROUGH TREATY DEPOSITORIES, WOULD BE FOR DEPOSITORIES TO AUTHORIZE SECRETARIAT TO ADVISE TREATY PARTIES DIRECTLY, IF THEY WERE UN MEMBERS, THUS SAVING TIME; THAT THIS OF COURSE RAISED QUESTION OF HOW TO ADDRESS INFORMATION TO "TAIWAN," WHICH PERHAPS US DEPOSITORY COULD RESOLVE. REQUEST ADVICE ON THIS MATTER. END SUMMARY.

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2. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO CCD PLENARY MORNING OF APRIL 21, SOVIET DEL DEPUTY REP NAZARKIN ADVISED USREP MEYERS THAT UN SECRETARIAT HAD ASKED HOW TO COMPLY WITH SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY PREPCOM'S DECISION THAT ANY "SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSAL" BY STATES PARTIES TO TREATY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO PROVISIONAL SEC GEN OF CONFERENCE, AT LEAST ONE MONTH, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE CONFERENCE STARTS

(SECTION VIII, PARA 20, OF PREPCOM'S FINAL REPOR, DATED FEB 17, 1977). NAZARKIN NOTED THAT SOVIET DEL'S REACTION WAS THAT SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION THAT STATES PARTIES TO TREATY BE ADVISED THROUGH DEPOSITORIES (USSR, UK AND US), AS HAD BEEN DONE WITH NPT REVCON, SEEMED REPETITIOUS AND CUMBERSOME IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT QUITE A NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES HAD DEPOSITED THEIR ACCESSIONS TO TREATY WITH TWO OR ALL THREE DEPOSITORIES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE REVCON WOULD BEGIN JUNE 20, 1977, SO THAT EXACTLY ONE MONTH REMAINED BEFORE SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSALS SHOULD BE PROVIDED. NAZARKIN SUGGESTED THAT ALTERNATIVE, WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY SECRETARIAT, WAS TO HAVE ALL THREE DEPOSITORY STATES AUTHORIZE REVCON SECRETARIAT TO ADVISE ALL STATES PARTIES TO TREATY WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF UN, AS HAD BEEN DONE WITH NPT REVCON. HOWEVER, THIS IMMEDIATELY RAISED QUESTION OF HOW TO ADVISE "TAIWAN"; WHICH OF COURSE COULD BE DONE MOST FEASIBLY BY ONE OF DEPOSITORIES (I.E., US). USREP MERELY THANKED NAZARKIN FOR INFORMATION.

3. FOLLOWING CCD PLENARY AND THEN CCD INFORMAL ON CTB, SECRETARIAT REP MADAME SEGARRA CONFIRMED PROBLEM IN PRECISELY SAME TERMS AS RAISED BY NAZARKIN AND ASKED FOR ADVICE ON URGENT BASIS. US REP SAID HE WOULD POSE THIS QUESTION TO WASHINGTON.

4. USREP HAS NOW ADVISED UK REP ASHE OF THIS MATTER, AS REPRESENTATIVE OT THIRD DEPOSITORY STATE, ASCERTAINING THAT ASHE HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY SECRETARIAT OR SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEL SINCE HE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN PREPCOM. ASHE WILL CONVEY INFORMATION TO LONDON.

5. SEGARRA, WHO WILL BE SECGEN'S REP FOR SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVCON, WILL BE AT UN IN NEW YORK WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS AND EITHER SHE OR BJORNERSTEDT CAN BE REACHED THERE, TO RESPOND TO INQUIRY. WHILE EITHER OF THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED PRESENT OBVIOUS PROBLEMS, USREP WONDERS WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE PRACTICAL TO REQUEST REVCON AND SECRETARIAT TO FOLLOW PRECEDENT OF NPT REVCON AND HAVE ALL THREE DEPOSITORIES COMMUNICATE WITH STATES PARTIES TO TREATY, THUS ENABLING ADVISING ROC EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY AS USG WISHES, AND THEREBY MAINTAINING PREVIOUS PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH NOTIFICATIONS, WHILE NOT UNDULY STIMULATING "SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSAL" INVOLVING SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVCON. IN ANY EVENT, USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE HERE, SO WE CAN SPEAK TO SOVIET DEL AND UK DEL, IN ADDITION TO SECRETARIAT REPS.

6. REQUEST ADVICE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE. SORENSON

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